

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Christoph RUEGG et al.

Application No.: New U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP2004/051792

Filed: February 13, 2006

Docket No.: 126750

For: FORCE APPLICATION ELEMENT, EXTENSION ELEMENT, AND A METHOD  
FOR INCREASING THE TENSILE LOAD OF A STRIP-SHAPED MATERIAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**